GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:223
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PRIVATE DOMESTIC CARRIERS ON OVERSEAS DESTINATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to allow private domestic carriers to operate scheduled flights to any overseas destination after upgradation of all airports to the international standards, as reported in the `Rashtriya Sahara`, dated November 18, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the countries to which such operators are likely to extend their services;

(d) the total private operators who have applied for and how many of them have been accorded permission to operate;

(e) the norms fixed by the Government for private carriers in this regard;

(f) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented; and

(g) the impact on Indian Airlines/Air India by this move?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c),(d),(e),(f)and(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.223 for reply on 16.12.2004 regarding Private Domestic Carriers on Overseas Destination.

(a) and (b) :Government has presently permitted private airlines to operate to SAARC countries against unutilized entitlements of the Indian side subject to the provision for designation of multiple airlines in the respective Air Services Agreement. Designation of private airlines for operating to overseas destinations is not linked to the proposal for up-gradation of airports to international standards.

(c),(d),(e) and (f): Government have designated Jet Airways and Air Sahara for operations to Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh as requested by them against the unutilized entitlements of the Indian side. As regards allowing private airlines to operate to other countries, no final decision has been taken in this regard.

(g): The operations of private airlines to SAARC countries are against the unutilized entitlements of the Indian side. No adverse impact on Indian Airlines/Air India is, therefore, envisaged because of this decision.